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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s) _____

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

Any response must be filed on or before the expiration date of this shortened statutory period for reply in order to avoid abandonment of the application. Any extension beyond this shortened period for reply must be requested by filing a written request with the Office and is subject to payment of a fee. The fee code for users of the Office's electronic filing system is 0-000000. The fee code for users of the Office's electronic filing system is 0-000000. The fee code for users of the Office's electronic filing system is 0-000000.

Status

1. ☐ Response is prima facie sustained.
2. ☐ This action is FINAL. ☐ This action is non-final.
3. ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is based in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4. ☐ Claim(s) 1-13, 19 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a. Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5. ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6. ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
7. ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8. ☐ Claim(s) 1-13, 19 and 20 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9. ☐ The Specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10. ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are ☐ approved ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
11. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
12. ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (e).
- ☐ All ☐ Some ☐ None of
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached defined Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
14. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to a provisional application.
- ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
15. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Information statement regarding the status of the application.
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Any one or one of set of species of the species in figures 1 to 20

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claim is generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 309.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the

case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander O Williams whose telephone number is (703) 308 4823. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30-7:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn, can be reached on (703) 308 6601. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308 7722 for regular communications and (703) 308 7724 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308 0956.

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March 8, 2003


Alexander O. Williams
Examiner